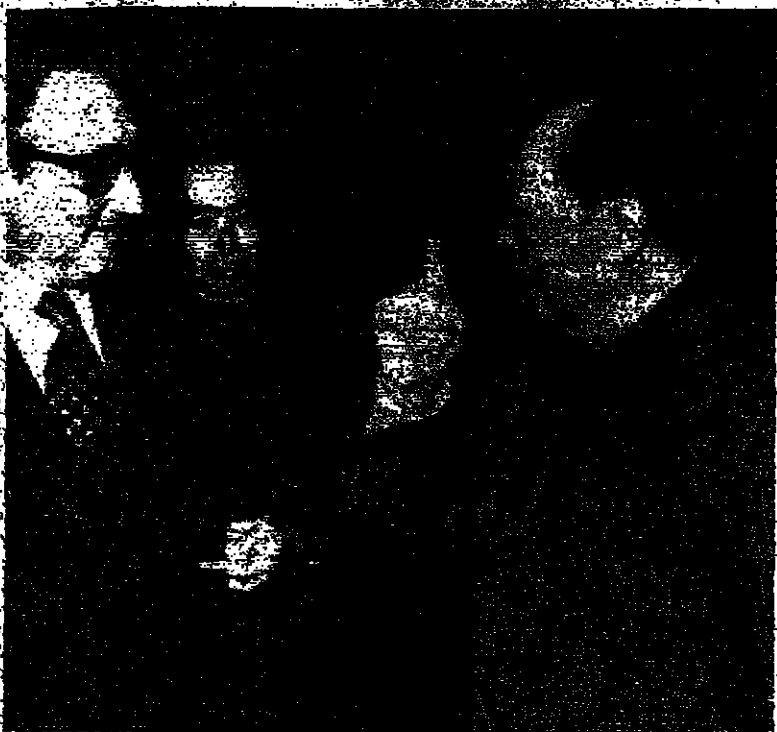


KISSINGER TALKS 20 HOURS WITH CHINESE LEADERS



Henry Kissinger speaking to Mao Tse-tung during their meeting on Sunday. Prime Minister Chou En-lai in centre. (AP radiophoto)

BY BISCAYNE — While a security adviser Henry Kissinger met Chinese Premier Chou En-lai for five hours in Peking yesterday, the White House announced, Kissinger has conferred for more than 20 hours with Chinese leaders, including a two-hour session with Mao Tse-tung on Saturday night.

Those sitting in on today's meeting were Foreign Minister Chi Peng and his deputy, Chiao Kuan-hua, announcing the latest round of a Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler.

Mr. Kissinger, who had just left Taiwan, has his report on the trip.

declined to amplify further on subjects of the discussions. He said, however, that President Nixon's secretary, H. R. Haldeman, also yesterday, Dr. Kissinger and members of the U.S. delegation were honored at a banquet at Great Hall of the People. Mr. Kissinger was due to end his day mission to Peking today will fly to Tokyo where he will confer with Japanese leaders on an overnight trip.

is was due to fly back to Washington tomorrow. The White House on Saturday said that Dr. Kissinger's conference with Mao was "a major breakthrough" in U.S.-China relations, and that the two leaders had reached an agreement on a quick withdrawal of American troops from Taiwan as a result of Dr. Kissinger's trip to Peking.

the Peking resident correspondent "Kyodo" said observers in the news capital speculate that the release of the two prisoners of war may pull Taiwan in a short period of time, rather than over a long period of time.

about 9,000 U.S. military men are in Taiwan, including air force and "at personnel in and around Taipei, seat of the government" of the island.

of the government of the island, Chinese President Chiang sheik.

in Peking, Western diplomats yesterday said there had apparently been a major breakthrough in U.S.-China relations during Dr. Kissinger's visit, crowned by the four-hour meeting with Chairman Mao.

the diplomats expressed surprise and excitement over the meeting and said it must herald a new era in U.S.-China relations. The U.S. but a senior Chinese official said at a reception last night about possibility of a Chinese Embassy opening in Washington.

Fighting in S. Vietnam continues

SAIGON (Reuters). — Fighting continued across South Vietnam yesterday despite the appeal by the four parties to the peace agreement for a complete halt to hostilities.

The South Vietnamese command said the Communists were not responding to the request made on Saturday by the Joint Military Commission of the U.S., North Vietnam, South Vietnam and the provisional revolutionary government which was set up to establish the peace.

A military spokesman told a news conference yesterday that the number and intensity of alleged violations was the same.

He claimed that in the 24 hours since the J.M.C. called on the two sides in the South to properly observe the cease-fire agreement, the Communists had made 199 attacks against government positions. Most of the reported violations were small scale shelling and ground attacks, although paratroops and mines around Quang Tri city were hit by more than 500 rounds of artillery.

Other heavy fighting came in coastal Quang Ngai province, a Vietcong stronghold where clashes were reported off Highway 1, the main road link running the length of the country which has been cut in this area by the Vietcong.

As the news conference's fourth week today the number of casualties suffered on both sides surpassed 15,000 killed and wounded.

On another issue, the U.S. yesterday formally charged the Vietcong with shooting down an American helicopter on a peacekeeping mission last Friday and asked the International Commission of Control and Supervision for an immediate investigation.

It was the first investigation the U.S. has sought from the I.C.C.S. on its own involving the American side only.

'Brezhnev seeks U.S. visit this summer'

WASHINGTON (AP). — Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev wants to come to the U.S. in early summer, "Newswatch" reported yesterday. The Brezhnev visit, originally set for this spring, had been postponed to the autumn.

The weekly American magazine gives two reasons why Mr. Brezhnev wants an early visit:

The Soviet leader feels that the U.S. is not moving quickly enough to carry out the trade and other agreements signed in Moscow last year, by President Nixon, and the suspicion that Henry Kissinger's latest Peking trip will result in plans for a journey to Washington by Premier Chou En-lai.

China tests I.C.B.M., Heykal reports

CAIRO (Reuters). — Commentator Mohammed Hassan Heykal said yesterday he had been told that China has successfully tested recently a new 5,400-km. intercontinental ballistic missile.

Mr. Heykal, who returned recently from an Asian tour, said in the newspaper "Al-Ahram" which has editorial that no matter how views were conflicting about China, what was taking place in that country was a miracle.

Mr. Heykal said China now has the atomic and hydrogen bombs. "When I was in Peking, a European ambassador told me that according to the information China has also tested successfully a 6,400-km. intercontinental ballistic missile recently."

Mr. Heykal also quoted a report by the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, describing the Chinese experience in building the country without depending on the outside world as "unique in history."

He quoted Premier Chou En-lai as saying China preferred to depend on itself and not borrow from others.

Mr. Heykal said the Chinese miracle was due to three main reasons: everyone works, there is no waste and there is accurate organization.

About the lack of any waste, he said that a single duck was served for him at a dinner in seven dishes. When he remarked to his host that there was nothing left of the duck but its feathers and "I hope we will not eat them," the host replied seriously: "No, the restaurant is selling them for industrial purposes."

Cabinet approves health insurance bill for all

By ASHKEW WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday approved the draft of the Health Insurance Bill which will provide health insurance for all residents of Israel on the basis of the existing sick funds.

(At present, 15 per cent of the population — mostly the very poor and the very rich — do not belong to any sick fund.)

National health dues will be collected from the self-employed via the National Insurance Institute, and from wage-earners via the existing sick funds, as before.

Those now joining a health insurance scheme for the first time have a free choice as to which fund to join, and the fund of their choice will be bound by statute to accept them without any limitations of age or previous sickness.

Those who already belong to one of the existing funds will be allowed — between six and 12 months after the law takes effect — to change to a different fund of their choice without any limitations.

(The Hestadnik's sick fund — Kupat Hoshan Khatit — will accept all new members after the law comes into effect, without stipulating that they also join the Labour Federation. However, it is highly unlikely that the Hestadnik would allow one of its existing members to be a sick fund member without staying a Hestadnik member too.)

Most details of the Health Insurance Bill were approved by the Cabinet last August. Yesterday's Cabinet session approved the theory of the bill, and the responsibility for the bill, as between the Ministers of Health and Labour, who had been at loggerheads over the privilege.

Health Minister Victor Shemtov, Labour Minister Yosef Almog, and Justice Minister Y.S. Shapira finally worked out a compromise formula which gave the Health Minister the right to guarantee the theory of the bill, but which also gave the Health

and Labour Ministers the right to guarantee regulations jointly, or separately with each other's consent, in spheres which concerned both of their Ministries.

(The dispute between the two Ministers arose from the Health Ministry's argument that it should be responsible for anything to do with health, while the Labour Ministry argued that Health Insurance was like other forms of social insurance — National Insurance, disability, pensions, and even unemployment.)

The draft of the Bill will receive a final polish in the Justice Ministry and then proceed to the Knesset for tabling on the first reading. There is little prospect that it will go through all its readings and be enacted before the Seventh Knesset rises in July. So it will probably be transferred in Committee stage to the Eighth Knesset by special Cabinet decision after the autumn elections.

The draft also says that the Bill will take effect one year after it is enacted.

In addition to the responsibility for health insurance shared by the Ministers of Health and Labour, the health insurance will be supervised by a specially created Health Insurance Council.

As a general principle, a person's payments for health insurance will be calculated progressively, on the basis of his assessment for National Insurance.

The Cabinet yesterday voted down demands by two N.R.P. Ministers, Zerah Warhaftig and Michael Chazani, to have the Bill specify that all Jewish hospitals must be kosher. The majority explained that the kosher was assured under long-standing agreements, and would not be rescinded, but if it were written into this law, it would have to be written into numerous other laws too.

The Cabinet also rejected three suggestions which Tourism Minister (Continued page 2, col. 7)

After Nazareth Arab killed Eight immigrants remanded in custody

By YOEL DAB
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AFULA. — The magistrate's court here yesterday remanded in custody for 15 days eight residents of Upper Nazareth, suspected of having beaten Subhi En-Nasir to death on Friday night.

The men, aged from 20 to 35, and all recent immigrants from Georgia, had come across En-Nasir, 47, an Arab resident of Nazareth, and a Jewish woman immigrant from Georgia, sitting in a parked car together. The eight, angered evidently by a suspicion of marital infidelity on the part of the woman, allegedly ordered the couple from the car and assaulted them, cutting off the woman's hair.

Police arrived to find En-Nasir bleeding badly. He died on the way to hospital.

The woman, Regina Polkovskaya, 45, was also beaten and is still in hospital.

(On the Cabinet's weekly session yesterday, Police Minister Shimon Ballin assured the Ministers that the police had taken prompt and energetic action to track down the suspects and question them as to ensure that the culprits would be brought to justice as soon as possible. Mr. Ballin noted that the assault was apparently not a result of Jewish ethnic hostility against Arabs.)

The police are looking for two more suspects who were together with those remanded yesterday in the pick-up truck that took the others to the dark valley in Upper Nazareth where the couple was sitting in the car.

The eight who appeared in court yesterday are: Ya'acov Manshira, Reuven Kushtashvili, Shishahadi Souso, Thomas Shwan, Zibou Gannashvili, Pinhas Kushtashvili (the driver), Salomon Tomshtashvili, and Gavriel Hatzrashtvili.

They were brought to court here under heavy police guard. While waiting in the police van outside the court, they were seen talking and smiling, without apparently understanding the gravity of the charges they faced. However, their expressions changed when Rav-Peled Yosef Levy, head of the crime investigation branch in the Jezreel sub-district, took the stand and told the magistrate the police

Sadat adviser to see Nixon this week

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's Adviser on national security affairs, Hafez Ismail, will go to Washington on Friday and is expected to meet President Nixon for talks on the Middle East conflict, it was announced in Cairo yesterday.

Ismail's visit to the U.S. is the first by an Egyptian presidential envoy in the 20 months of Sadat's presidency. Sadat's Middle East policy took a sharp turn towards the West after the ouster of the Russian military personnel from Egypt last July.

Ismail, who recently returned from a four-day visit to Moscow, yesterday arrived in London for talks with government officials on the Middle East. Cairo Radio said last night that Ismail was due to confer with Prime Minister Edward Heath and Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home.

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Hafez Ismail as he arrived at London's Heathrow airport yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

the territories the Arabs lost in the Six Day War.

Stressing they have no intention of budging from this demand, the Egyptians said yesterday they would consolidate their diplomatic activity among the Big Powers to counter American attempts to seek compromises on the territorial issues between Israel and the Arabs.

In this context, the Cairo press said yesterday that Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Hassan Zayyat with soon visit Moscow at the invitation of his Soviet counterpart, Andrei Gromyko. Zayyat yesterday discussed with the Chinese ambassador to Cairo a possible visit to Peking, Cairo reports added.

Gaddafi back home

TRIPOLI (Reuters). — Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi returned here last night from a two-day visit to Algiers, the official Libyan news agency reported.

Dry spell continuing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The weatherman last night predicted lower temperatures and little change in humidity, but pointed to no sign of relief from the dry spell.

Temperatures were colder yesterday and the humidity rose, but heavy clouds throughout most of the country failed to bring direly needed rain, with the exception of momentary drizzles in the Judean Hills.

In contrast to the warm temperatures of Saturday, drops of as much as 18 degrees centigrade in some localities were recorded last night. (See "Drought in Galilee," Page 3)

OPEN LETTER TO MINISTER YIGAL ALLON AND THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY

Honourable Sirs:
What is your response to the tremendous public outcry against Israel Television?

- hiring a foreign expert to investigate and report
- forming an investigating committee
- talking about building a 2nd TV channel in the distant future, at public expense.

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2. will be under same management now offering an overdose of alleged culture and "documentaries" on hunger, disease and the angel of death	2. under enlightened and experienced private management catering to all public tastes
3. cannot meet the needs of multi-language public or the many who speak Hebrew with limitations	3. will telecast in Hebrew, Yiddish, English, French, Russian and Spanish plus easy Hebrew
4. will cost the taxpayer more than IL200 million if in colour, and "encourage" him to purchase a colour set for IL4,000-	4. established without any taxpayers' money
5. no side benefits to the public or government.	5. side benefits: a) will eliminate antenna eyesores b) provide employment for engineers, writers, entertainers, etc. without further expense to tax payers c) integrate new immigrants d) aid fight against crime e) reduce transportation congestion f) speed information flow and technology g) provide scientific laboratory for new developments in communications and security h) MORE.... and

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.
Weather Synopsis: A cold front passed over the region and caused a drop in temperatures and a rise in humidity.

Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.	Yesterday's Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem 76	51-55	68-72	5-15
Golan 38	15-20	25-30	7-14
Nahariya 70	34-37	40-43	10-18
Haifa Port 71	16-18	24-28	8-14
Haifa Port 75	31-35	40-44	10-18
Tiberias 51	16-24	30-34	10-21
Nazareth 67	18-22	26-30	10-18
Afula 62	16-22	24-28	8-14
Shimon 74	34-38	40-44	10-18
Tel Aviv 77	22-26	30-34	10-18
Lod Airport 65	21-25	28-32	10-20
Jericho 38	15-20	25-30	7-14
Gaza 81	28-34	34-40	10-18
Beer Sheva 70	31-35	38-42	8-14
Eilat 26	15-20	24-28	4-12
Tiran Straits 29	18-20	27-29	4-12

Social and Personal

A group of 50 staff members from the Abarbanel Hospital in Bat Yam yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, who described the work of the Knesset to them.

Mr. Jean Bruech, general secretary of the World Federation of (Christian) Trade Unions, here on a five-day visit as guest of the Histadrut, yesterday called on Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Mr. Yehoram Meshel, Deputy Secretary-General of the Histadrut, who gave a reception for Mr. Bruech.

Members of the Joint Board of Management of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School — with the participation of Mrs. R. Matzkin, Mrs. F. Schenk, Mrs. F. Perlman and Mrs. C. Jacobson of the U.S. — yesterday visited the Hebrew University and were received by the President, Mr. Abraham Harman.

Prof. Bruno Bettelheim of the University of Chicago will lecture (in English) on "Student Revolution: Progressive or Reactionary?" today at 8:30 p.m. in Canada Hall, Givat Ram campus, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

Transport and Communications Minister Shimon Peres, from a week's visit to Canada on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal (by El Al).

Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadin, from New York after attending a Socialist International session in Santiago de Chile and meeting with Chilean President Salvador Allende (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Mrs. Dvora Rabinowitz, hon. chairman of the Israeli Executive Board of Mizrahi Women's Organization of America, for a series of public appearances in the U.S. (by El Al).

Senator Hughes here

U.S. Senator Harold E. Hughes, who was a self-announced candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in the last election, arrived in Israel yesterday.

The Iowa senator, governor of the state before his election to the Senate in 1968, accompanied a U.I.A. study mission from Des Moines, Iowa.

Biggest-ever U.I.A. delegation arrives

The largest international mission on record of Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal leaders and principal contributors arrived in Israel yesterday for an intensive seven-day tour marking Israel's 25th anniversary. Some 350 persons from 10 major Western Jewish communities are participating, according to Ezra Shapiro, world chairman of the Keren Hayesod U.I.A.

P.F.L.P. calls for resignation of Gaza leaders

GAZA. — Terrorist leaflets calling on the members of Gaza's recently elected neighbourhood councils to cease work were handed out in the streets here yesterday morning. The leaflets were signed by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Council members contacted by The Jerusalem Post said they had not received them, however. There have been numerous unfounded rumours lately that members of several neighbourhood committees have resigned or threatened to stop work, in the wake of the assassination last week of an elected committee head. The Military Government has reportedly refused to accept any resignations, on the grounds that the committees were elected by their constituencies and not by the Israeli authorities.

'Areas' workers can receive Histadrut backing

TEL AVIV. — Workers from the administered areas employed in Israel will have Histadrut protection in keeping their wages and working conditions exactly on the level enjoyed by any Histadrut member. The Central Committee decided yesterday.

These workers will be able to become full-fledged members of provincial funds affiliated to the Histadrut.

Two pedestrians killed on roads

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Two pedestrians were killed on the roads yesterday and Saturday night.

Hassan Mussa el-Karam, 38, was struck by a bus as he was trying to cross the Rishon LeZion-Bet Dagon road, 200 metres from the Beit Dagon Intersection. He reportedly began to cross but changed his mind, turned back, and was hit by a northbound bus.

On Saturday night, George Enzi, 76, of Asir was struck by a car as he walked on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road. He died shortly after being admitted to Asaf Harofeh Hospital.

Soccer team's ex-boss charged with fraud

TEL AVIV. — The former manager of the Lydda Hapoel football team, Leopold Lazer, was charged in the District Court here yesterday with forging cheques and defrauding the team of IL5,000 during his stint as manager.

According to the charges, while managing, coaching and playing on the team between 1969 and 1971, Lazer issued cheques to various players for sums not due them, then forged their signatures and cashed the cheques himself. He is also accused of writing out cheques to players who never played or trained with the team, and of forging and cashing cheques ostensibly due to taxi drivers for transporting the team.

Eight T.A. bakeries on strike



A boom for pitta bakers developed yesterday as a result of a one-day unauthorized strike by workers of eight bakeries in the Tel Aviv area. The eight included Ahdu (a cooperative established by the Histadrut), Eilat and Giv'at. The workers threatened to begin a full strike next week. They are believed to be asking for a 20 per cent pay increase, while a plan being negotiated by the Histadrut includes a 35 per cent wage hike. Above: vendors and customers crowd in front of a pitta bakery in Tel Aviv's Remez Market, but the baker appears to have run out. (Israel Sun)

Technion staffers protest arbitrary job rotation

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The Technion's 1,800 administrative, technical and service personnel stopped work for two hours yesterday morning to demonstrate their dissatisfaction with a management policy that allows department heads to change their office staffs every two years.

(Deans of faculties and heads of departments rotate every two years, and the new chiefs have the right to assign new office staffers or get rid of old workers in their departments.)

Cancel Strike

The national committee of Government hospital workers late last night decided to call off a strike of all hospitals that had been scheduled for tomorrow.

The chairman of the Technion's staff committee, Yosef Harel, told The Post yesterday that since January, when the new crop of department heads came into office, a number of veteran office workers had been "displaced" — although their work had been considered satisfactory for many years.

"Five of them, including three in senior administrative positions, are now sitting around, knitting sweaters or reading books," because their new nothing to do, he said. They continue to draw their previous salaries, "but they've been reduced to taking tranquilizers as a result of their frustration."

Negev University computerizes examinations

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — Students at the University of the Negev here will now get their grades almost untouched by human hands, as a result of automation of examinations.

University computer-services unit director Yosef Regav, who described his university as Israel's pioneer in computerizing examinations, said the results of mass examinations were now processed by the University's IBM 1130 computer combined with the Government computer center's optical character reader. The scanner can quickly translate a thousand or more exam papers into punched cards for processing by the computer, he said, saving the teachers grading the test weeks of effort.

Mr. Regav said he expected every other Israeli university to follow suit soon.

Technion staffers protest arbitrary job rotation

The committee does not object to job rotation, but demands this be done after consultations with the workers' representatives.

The staff committee has asked the local Labour Council to approve a labour dispute, and we shall go all the way — to a general strike, if necessary — to protect the standing of the employees," Mr. Harel warned.

H.U. report: Yemin Moshe evacuees were exploited

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday called upon the Hebrew University to disavow a report prepared under the direction of a university lecturer, which alleged that poor families evacuated from Yemin Moshe had not been adequately provided for.

Mr. Kollek said the report had been prepared by Dr. Eliezer Jaffe, a senior lecturer in social welfare and formerly director of the Municipality's Department of Family and Community Services, and a group of social work students "who are not professionals in the areas of economics and statistics." Their findings, he said, had been shown to be "unscientific" by an independent economist, Nassim Baruch, who had studied the report.

The century-old quarter of Yemin Moshe, opposite the Old City walls, is being evacuated of the poor families which have constituted the bulk of its population since 1948. The houses are being reconstructed and sold to Israeli artists and professionals. Twenty per cent of the units are designated for foreigners, who pay about twice as much for the apartments. The object of the reconstruction was to improve a former border slum which has become one of the most desirable locations in the reunited city.

In the report — one of a series of unpublished studies on urban renewal in Jerusalem — Dr. Jaffe had

Walkout of El Al service chiefs

LOD AIRPORT. — El Al's 112 maintenance crew supervisors walked off the job at 2 p.m. yesterday.

Their works committee ordered them to stop work "until further notice" in protest at the failure of El Al and the Histadrut, now negotiating a wage agreement, to accede to their demands for wage increases and advance payments.

French general here with W W II parachutists group

LOD AIRPORT. — The first high-ranking French officer to set foot in Israel in recent years — General Martial Valin, Inspector-General of airborne forces — was among a group of 120 veteran French parachutists who arrived here yesterday to participate in a congress of Jewish World War II jumpers.

Among those arriving on the El Al flight with General Valin were five other serving officers plus six retired generals, 12 retired colonels, and six women jumpers, all veterans of World War II. The group, here at the invitation of Israeli parachutists organizations, will tour the country and meet with Israeli officers.

The group's spokesman, Mr. de Plante, of Dassault Aviation, noted that French Defence Minister Michel Debre had given special permission for the six serving officers to visit Israel.

The senior of the officers, General Valin, who was made airborne Inspector-General on active service for

Special committee resumes meetings
Aim to keep inflation down to 8 per cent

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Last week's devaluation, together with previously expected price rises, raises the spectre of a 14 to 15 per cent general increase in prices this year. Government economists say the increase must be held down to about 8 per cent, and the Histadrut has warned it will demand wage compensations if prices rise more than this.

The Prime Minister's special Tripartite Committee on Inflation, which has been charged to deal with the issues raised by its meetings yesterday in Jerusalem. By the end of this week the committee is expected to receive a list of specific proposals from two sub-committees. One sub-committee, headed by Abraham Agmon, Director-General of the Finance Ministry, is working on methods to mop up excess purchasing power. It is expected to propose siphoning off IL400-IL500 million of net purchasing power to reduce demand. This calculation assumes that the Treasury will not spend more on subsidies and export incentives than stated in the Budget.

The second sub-committee, under Mr. Gideon Lahav, Director-General of the Commerce Ministry, deals with prices. It will try to secure a measure of voluntary price restraint from employers both in the private sector and Haverat Ovdim (the Histadrut's holding company). A representative of the building contractors is also on this committee.

Nether of the sub-committee dealing with the wage problem, it is generally agreed among members that the wage must be held down until the end of the year, and the increase must be held down to about 8 per cent, and the Histadrut has warned it will demand wage compensations if prices rise more than this.

Representatives of the sector — formally known as the Committee of Economic Organizations — suggested yesterday's meeting that the sub-committee be set up. It should "draw up a concrete overall economic policy for the next three years." This was intended as the employers' hint of need of a new "package deal."

Commerce Minister Ezer Weizman, who presided at yesterday's session, said a decision on whether to establish such a sub-committee would be taken at next Sunday's meeting.

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SHOSHANA GARAI (NEE BOCHNER)

The funeral will leave today, February 19, 1973, at 3.15 p.m. from the Rothschild Hospital funeral parlour for the new cemetery at Kfar Samir.

The mourners: her husband, her daughters and the Geva and Carai families, her sisters and the Bochner, Bonel and Berger families and relatives.

(Bus transport from the hospital.)

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The funeral took place on Sunday, February 18.

The Cohen Family (Marty)
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The remains of our dear

SIMON (Son of Chaim Izhak) AISNER

Dr. ENRIQUE (Son of Adolfo) SILBERMAN

have been brought from Chile and were re-interred on Har
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The dedication of the site of a

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Reserved seats only. Please call Tel. 234449, Tel Aviv,
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Those travelling by private transport will meet at the entrance
road to Kibbutz Lavi, on the Tiberias-Nazareth road at 11 a.m.

THE FAMILY

New York Times reports half Baghdad's Jews have applied to leave

YORK (INA). — Half of the tiny Jewish community in Baghdad has applied for passports to leave the city, according to a recent report in the New York Times. The newspaper carried an account of the wave of departures from the city, and an interview with a young man who had just left the city.

A Einy (not his real name) said that he and his family left Baghdad in January. He said that he and his family were not the only ones to leave. He said that he had heard that many other Jews were leaving the city.

Charges filed in takeover of land by army

TEL AVIV. — A property owner whose land was seized by the army has filed charges with the District Court here, claiming that the army has used force to take possession of his land.

The owner, who is a resident of Tel Aviv, said that he had been told by army officials that his land was needed for military purposes. He said that he had been given no compensation for the land.

holdings, which date back to before 1948 (when there were more than 200,000 Jews living in Baghdad), include enormous school buildings, movie theatres, extensive athletic fields and a large residential area.

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objective of the current campaign, he said, is to frighten the community into fleeing Iraq and their property behind.

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Reserves up \$27m.

Israel's foreign exchange reserves rose by \$27m. in January to \$1,094m., according to the monthly Bank of Israel balance sheet.

The Government's debt to the central bank declined by \$24m.

Orders for T.A. rabbis lefty court injunction 'TOO LATE TO CANCEL THEM'

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Orders for the rabbis of Tel Aviv, Ashdod and Be'er Sheva to appear in court yesterday were not cancelled, despite an interim injunction against their publication issued by the Supreme Court Justice.

injunction was from Justice home late Friday afternoon, request of members of the Religious Party's young spokesman for the Tel Aviv Council — which, along with the city, is in charge of the rabbinical elections — a Jerusalem Post yesterday announcement was for the newspaper on Friday morning, following Thursday decision by the organization to publish the injunction.

WON'T RESIGN
While Religious Council chairman Shalom, who threatened resignation due to differences inside the N.R.P., over the decision to stay in all. He said the Religious Council would contest the injunction this week and asked that the members of the council be in good faith in preparing elections.

N.R.P. members who asked order not said the former rabbis of Tel Aviv, Ashdod and Be'er Sheva, are still in their roles in Tel Aviv. The Religious Affairs Ministry has not yet declared their positions. The organizing committee is not sure such a declaration is necessary. Rabbi Goren and agreed to continue as Tel Aviv rabbis only at the Religious Council's explicit request, they said.

to create a vacuum before the elections are held. They are up by the National Executive of R.P. mainly because it does not want to see the former rabbis of Tel Aviv, Ashdod and Be'er Sheva, are still in their roles in Tel Aviv.

new commander for
Jaza Strip Police
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Nitzan Eshkol Givati, the commander of the Judea Police, will be replaced by the new commander of the Gaza Strip Police.

his work. He has been in charge of the Police, with headquarters in Ramat Gan, for the last five years. Well-organized command in many local Arab areas, Arab university students in the Bethlehem area recently the force.



RUSH HOUR IN THE KIBBUTZ. — Kindergartners get a lift on the electric tricycles Kibbutz Ashdod has bought to help members reach its far-flung fields more easily. The three-wheelers, which the kibbutzim also use to get to their factory and warehouses, are expected to turn up soon at many other kibbutzim and plants.

W. Galilee fears serious drought STILL HOPING FOR RAIN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Heavy clouds covered Western Galilee yesterday, bringing hope of rain after Saturday's shower, but they dispersed without releasing a drop, leaving the farmers of the drought-stricken area near desperation.

Less than half the annual average of 600 mm. of rain has fallen so far this year. "We have just gone through one natural disaster — the season's early frost," farmers told The Jerusalem Post, "and now have to face another — lack of water for all our crops." They refused to give up hope, however, noting that Pessah is a month later this year — a Hebrew calendar leap year — and "one may hope for rain until Pessah."

FIRST DRY WINTER
For Nes Amlin, the Dutch Christian village, this is the first dry winter since it was founded eight years ago. "In Holland our problem always was too much water," Dr. Johan Pilon, one of the settlers, told The Post. He said the settlers were anxious about the 25 dunnams of hot-house roses they raise for export, and the 100 dunnams of young avocado trees. "But we hope the small size of our farm will save us: we do not need very much water, and we're hoping the Water Commission will allocate most of it," Dr. Pilon added.

The 6,500 dunnams of fish ponds, which get their water from the Negev stream's winter overflow are "in serious danger," according to the regional fish breeding adviser, Dan Mires of Kibbutz Elin Hamifratz. One-third of the ponds are dry, and the rest are only three-quarters full — while the Na'aman has dried out completely, and is unlikely to overflow again this winter, he reported. However, the country's main ponds — in Galilee, the Beisan Valley and the Coastal Plain — are not in immediate danger, the Fish Breeders Union secretary, Bezalel Ben-Aharon, told The Post.

Kibbutz Evron, which grows a wide variety of crops, considers the situation "bad, but not desperate." Luckily, they built a reservoir last autumn (in partnership with Kibbutz Ga'aton) and managed to fill it with early winter flood water.

But at Elin Hamifratz, which constructed a reservoir five years ago, a large part of the cotton crop may be lost: their reservoir, drawing from the Na'aman stream, is dry for the first time. "We shall have to do extra irrigation in our cotton fields, and we don't know where we will get the water," farmers there said.

Similar statements were made yesterday by farmers in many settlements. Most of them are resigned to heavy drought losses — but they are still hoping.

56 TEACHERS from the Gaza Strip and Northern Sinai have just completed an advanced course in natural sciences at the University of the Negev. The course was sponsored by the Ministry of Education and Culture. A course in English, mathematics and educational psychology, for 80 teachers from the same areas, will open shortly.

American Medical Ass'n meets in Israel next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The first scientific meeting of the American Medical Association outside the U.S. will open next week at the Hilton Hotel. This was stated yesterday by Prof. David Danon of the Weizmann Institute, one of the sponsoring bodies.

Some 800 American physicians will meet with 200 Israeli doctors for the scientific sessions. (The A.M.A. has 200,000 members.) The A.M.A. delegates, who aim to keep abreast of new developments in medicine, will hear 22 scientific papers by Israeli, on the progress of medicine and research in Israel.

There will be three days of scientific sessions, separated by a few days of tours to scientific and medical institutions. Contact with the A.M.A. for bringing the conference here, Dr. Danon said, was made by Prof. Albert Sabin, before he retired as president of the Weizmann Institute.

Two other scientific conferences have been announced for this week. A two-day Israel-German symposium on composite materials begins tomorrow at the Technion. Fourteen leading scientists from the German Federal Republic will be taking part, including representatives from the Max Planck Institute for Metal and Steel Research, the Messerschmitt Company, the Institute for Theoretical and Applied Physics of Stuttgart University and the Institute of Medical Physics at the University of Göttingen.

U.S. Conservative rabbis begin 3-day meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 150 American Conservative rabbis will begin a three-day symposium here today on the Jewish nature of the modern State of Israel, as reflected in its legal system. The symposium, inspired by the ancient Yerusha Kalla custom of colloquia on matters of religious law, is the first such event arranged by the U.S. Conservative Movement in Israel.

About a hundred rabbis, headed by Rabbi Dr. Judah Naditch, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, have come from the U.S.; the remaining participants are residents of Israel.

The opening address, by Chief Justice Shimon Agranat, will be held at 2:30 p.m. today at Tel Aviv University. He will speak on Jewish law as reflected in the decisions of the Supreme Court of Israel. The following two sessions will be held at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

According to Rabbi Morton Leifman, head of the Jerusalem branch of the Jewish Theological Seminary, there are 10 Conservative congregations in Israel. "We have found no discrimination," Rabbi Leifman said. The Conservatives do not seek official status under Israeli law, he added. But some of the rabbis heading these congregations have applied individually for permission to arrange marriages and divorces — and were granted it, he said.

Histadrut elections set for September 11

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut elections will be held on September 11, according to a motion adopted by the Central Committee yesterday. (The date still has to be approved by the Histadrut Executive.) The national convention is scheduled to take place on March 8.

The Central Committee also recommended that parties which get less than one per cent of the vote should not be represented at the convention. However, the Alignment expects to sound out the reactions of the smaller parties before putting the motion before the Executive.

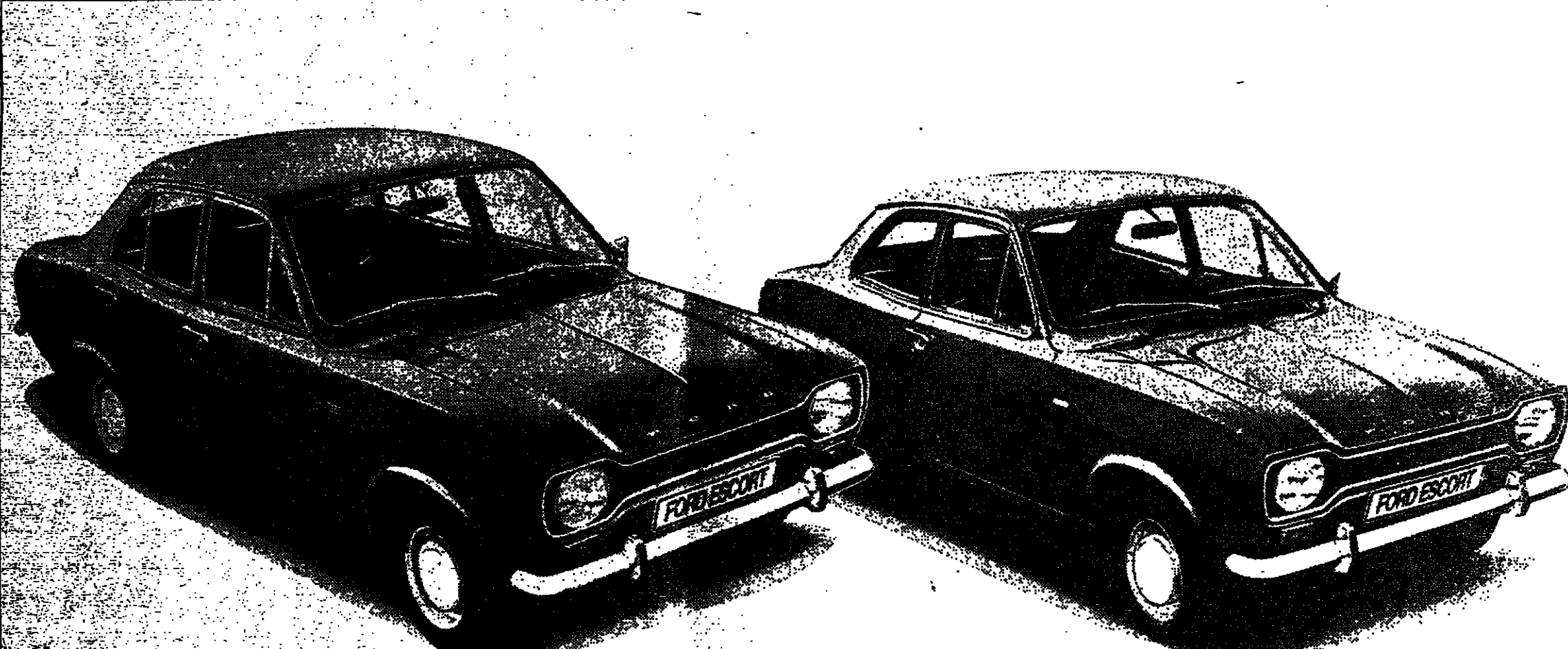
Soviet olim to play with Philharmonic

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Five newcomers from the Soviet Union will appear at a special concert of the Israel Philharmonic, instead of the scheduled concert which Leopold Stokowski was to conduct.

Elhanan Bregman of the L.P.O. management told reporters here yesterday that Mr. Stokowski's doctors will not allow him to travel to Israel. (The 81-year-old conductor was ill recently.) The concert will take place on February 26, featuring as soloists violinist Alexander Lebovsky, cellist Michael Malsky, oboist Shlomo Trubashnik, pianist Alexander Volkov and singer Isser Bushkin.

The orchestra also plans to give an open-air concert in Sharm el-Sheikh at the end of next month, Mr. Bregman said. On the way back, it will play in Eilat.



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Cairo authorities free some students

CAIRO (Reuters). — The prosecution has released a number of students, detained in connection with recent demonstrations, after the completion of their interrogation and evidence about their position, the Middle East News Agency said yesterday.

The prosecution also authorized a student representative from each university to visit those still under detention to ascertain the treatment they are getting. The prosecution also allowed relatives to visit the detained students.

The number released was not revealed but those detained are known to number well over 100.

In addition, the Egyptian Parliament has formed special committees to hear student grievances. Hafez Badawi, speaker of the parliament, has ordered the formation of the committees under his chairmanship to "exchange views with the university students in groups of not more than 40 at a time outside study hours."

The decisions appeared to have

appeared restive militant students who staged week-long demonstrations culminating in violent clashes with the authorities in protest over the arrest of their colleagues.

The students are also demanding that the universities revoke decisions dismissing a number of students following the demonstrations, and that they give these students the right of appeal.

Dr. Ismail Ghannem, rector of Ain Shams University, told students on Saturday that the good treatment of detained students and the call for ending investigations quickly in addition to a public trial of those charged, were also demands of the university's teaching staff. But order must first be restored to the campus and the supremacy of the law must be respected, he said.

A large crowd of students held a meeting at Cairo University campus on Saturday, but there were no street clashes. Police forces which ringed the campus last week were withdrawn and held in reserve at a nearby exhibition ground.

Dominican tension as rebel leader killed

SANTO DOMINGO (Reuters). — Strong police units ringed the university here yesterday, alert for any attempt by left wing students to stage demonstrations over the death in a clash between troops and guerrillas of revolutionary leader Colonel Francisco Caamano.

Colonel Caamano, 40, was killed by troops on Friday as he fought at the head of a group of Cuban-trained guerrillas who landed in the Dominican Republic a fortnight ago, according to an armed forces announcement here.

He became a hero to the left — and was sometimes dubbed the "second Che Guevara" — following a 1965 uprising he led in an effort to restore left wing President Juan Bosch to power in this country which shares the Caribbean island of Hispaniola with Haiti. Mr. Bosch had been ousted by right wing officers 18 months previously.

Caamano's rebellion failed when President Johnson ordered 50,000 Marines into the Republic, claiming there was danger of a Communist takeover. Colonel Caamano later went to Cuba.

Many left wingers refused to believe the report of his death. But two local journalists who were allowed to see the body before it was buried near the scene of the clash said they had no doubt it was that of Colonel Caamano.

Mr. Bosch, still leader of the Dominican Revolutionary Party, went underground after President Joaquin Balaguer alleged he had foreknowledge of the landing and a mass uprising said to have been planned to coincide with it — which never transpired.

Dr. Balaguer is planning to run for a third term in office in elections scheduled for next year.

'To stop Jewish emigration' Sudan urges Arabs to put pressure on Soviets

BEIRUT. — Sudan has urged Arab countries to put pressure on the Soviet Union to stop the emigration of Russian Jews to Israel, the Beirut newspaper "An Nahar" said yesterday.

In a dispatch from Cairo, the newspaper said the Sudanese demand came in a memorandum submitted to the Arab Information Ministers conference, which opened on Saturday in the Egyptian capital. The memorandum said Israel would gain an extra million settlers "in the foreseeable future," if the emigration of Soviet Jews continued at its current rate.

This emigration poses great threats to Arab countries, the note said. Some of the emigrants must have served in the Soviet army and should possess knowledge about Soviet military strategy and weapons — the

staple strategy and weapons of Egypt and Syria, the note said.

It would be useless to launch an information campaign in the Soviet Union, because Russian authorities only allow their official version of events to reach the people, the note said. "Therefore, Arab masses should be activated to pressure the Soviet diplomatic missions in Arab capitals," it concluded.

The information ministers, from the Arab League's 18 member countries, met privately yesterday to discuss how they could turn world public opinion against Israel.

Egypt's deputy Premier and Minister of Information Dr. Abdel Kader Hatem said after yesterday's session the ministers had ended discussions of recommendations put forward by the League's permanent committee of information. (UPI, Reuters)

Jordan ousts Lebanese attache

AMMAN (UPI). — The Jordanian authorities yesterday expelled the Lebanese military attaché in retaliation for a similar Lebanese decision late last year, the Foreign Ministry said.

Foreign Ministry statement said the Jordanian authorities informed the Lebanese embassy in Amman of the government decision. They said they gave the attaché, Col. Hilmi Shehab, 48 hours to leave the country.

The Jordanian military attaché in Lebanon, Brig. Shafik Jumela'an, was declared persona non grata after his assistant, Lt. Hisham Youssef, had been arrested on a Beirut street while handling explosives to an agent.

Investigations into the case connected Brig. Jumela'an with the explosives, and some earlier bomb explosions in Beirut. He left Beirut for Amman on November 23.

U.K. police seek killers of milkman

LONDON (UPI). — Police spread a dragnet yesterday for bandits who killed a milkman and stole more than £100,000 in the robbery at a dairy depot in London's Surrey suburb of Ewell on Saturday night.

The bandits — from two to four in number and carrying shotguns — killed a 26-year-old milkman and injured a security guard and the Unigate dairy manager, police said.

They struck as a security truck was collecting cash from the depot.

Barcelona University ordered closed

BARCELONA (AP). — All activities at the autonomous University of Barcelona have been halted until further notice, the rector's office announced on Saturday.

Student-police clashes and demonstrations have frequently occurred during the past few weeks in the city's three universities, where all faculties except the engineers' were closed a few days ago.

50 kgs. marijuana haul at Heathrow

LONDON (AP). — Customs officers seized about 50 kgs. of marijuana, worth an estimated \$11,000 packed in suitcases at Heathrow airport on Saturday, police said.

Two men were held after the drugs were found in luggage taken off a plane from Rome. The marijuana was believed to have come from Nigeria.

'Kissinger ready to mediate in M.E. talks'

BEIRUT (UPI). — Three American officials visited Saudi Arabia in the last two weeks to explain that presidential adviser Henry Kissinger is ready to act as intermediary in Israeli-Arab proximity talks aimed at ending the Middle East crisis, the newspaper "L'Orient Le Jour" said yesterday.

The newspaper, quoting informed diplomatic sources in Beirut, said Saudi Arabia had been chosen as a point of reference because of its links with Egypt, Jordan and Syria.

The newspaper said President Nixon was willing to take three years to ensure peace in the Middle East — along with peace efforts elsewhere in the world — so that the U.S. could celebrate the 200th anniversary of its independence in 1976 with the whole world at peace.

The newspaper said both Egypt and Israel were expected to accept Dr. Kissinger's intervention in the Middle East crisis.

But, it said, Dr. Kissinger would not begin his activity in the region before Mr. Nixon meets with Soviet Leader Leonid Brezhnev in Washington later this year.



Neighbours try to comfort Mrs. Joselle Attou, 44, who lost six of her nine children in a fire at their home in Valence, France, yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

SIX CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE IN FRANCE

VALENCE, France (Reuters). — A 15-year-old boy and five of his younger brothers and sisters died here yesterday as he tried to lead them from their burning home.

The boy, Jacques Attou, dashed back into the flames after he, his mother, and three other children had escaped from the fire just before dawn.

The mother and two of the children who escaped were in hospital with burns yesterday.

Another child ran to give the alarm at friends and also escaped unhurt.

The father, Mohammed Attou, a night watchman, was at work at the time.

Firemen said: "When we got there, the roof was already engulfed in flames and the house burned in minutes. At first we figured it was an electric blanket that was left plugged in, but it may have been an electric water heater that caused the fire."

Neighbours said one of the first

out of the house was Jacques, the Attous' second eldest child.

His mother told him other children were still in the house. According to the neighbours, Jacques shouted: "I will wrap them in blankets."

He then plunged back into the burning building and was not seen alive again.

The children were all sleeping in attic rooms on the second floor because the father was redecorating the first floor. Their mother, Joselle, was on the ground floor.

Jacques, Martin, 13, Noel, 12, Olivier, 10, Laurent, 7 and Pascal, 6, all died in the blaze.

Meanwhile, a boy who disappeared the day a fire destroyed his Paris school, killing 22 of his friends, was discovered on Saturday living only a few streets from his home.

The boy, Marc Robert, who was feared to be the undiscovered 23rd victim of the blaze, was staying with the family of a classmate.

Israeli team submits plan on Managua

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter The Israeli survey team in Nicaragua, headed by Arye Eliaz, last Thursday submitted its initial draft plan to the Nicaraguan government for the reconstruction of Managua, the capital that was destroyed two months ago in one of the most devastating earthquakes recent history.

Nicaraguan Minister of Economy Juan J. Martinez praised the team work and asked to get a detailed follow-up plan. Mr. Eliaz pointed out that this would require a team of 10-15 experts to work for about a year and that the entire Managua reconstruction project would depend on large-scale international financial aid.

Second P-o-W group released

CHARGE AIR FORCE BASE, Philippines. — Twenty American POWs shot down over North Vietnam in 1966-67, were released by the Communists yesterday and flown to the Philippines. They were the second group of prisoners to be released by the North Vietnamese since signing of the peace agreement.

Smiling and saluting, the walked unaccompanied from the American C-130 transport aircraft plane. U.S. Air Force spokesmen said many of the men were in the group when they boarded the plane. The North Vietnamese had agreed to free 20 prisoners ahead of the visit to Hanoi of presidential adviser Henry Kissinger.

The Air Force spokesmen said preliminary checks by doctors on the plane indicated that all of the prisoners were in good health.

The only solemn face belonged to Navy Lt. William W. Bailey, who was critically ill. The North Vietnamese refused an American request to enlarge the list to include that he could be released ahead of schedule. They agreed, however, that Lt. Bailey could be taken in the group of 20. Another Navy P-o-W stayed behind in his place.

(UPI)

Kidnappers free girl, 4, leave \$250,000 ransom

LUCAYA, Grand Bahamas (AP). — Three American boys who were searching for their father near an abandoned stone pier on Saturday found the kidnappers' four-year-old daughter of a Cuban banker and returned her unharmed, police said.

Two armed gunmen seized the girl on Thursday night and did not collect their \$250,000 ransom, which was recovered from a cement plant, authorities said.

The brown-haired little daughter of Robert Spencer, a wife, Joan, was spotted by tourists about 13 kms. from home. She still wore a red suit she had on when kidnapped 36 hours earlier, and her past were bound with cloth ropes. Family attorney, John J. Stone, said the kidnappers left her of Glasgow, Nova Scotia, seven-hour journey through a and restaurants before ordering ransom placed near the abandoned cement plant.

(UPI)

'NOT A PURGE' Soviets start to weed out 'slackers' from Communist Party

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Communist Party said yesterday an exchange of membership cards to weed out slackers and deadwood will begin on March 1.

A Central Committee resolution said the exchange, the first in 20 years, will progress "gradually, without haste."

The party stressed that the exchange is not a purge but a careful pruning of unworthy members, designed to boost Communist efficiency.

The 14,500,000 party members will hand in their red membership cards to party organizations during the next two years. If judged worthy of membership, they will get back a new card. If not, they drop off the party rolls.

Although not an actual purge, ousted members might face job demotions and status loss, Western diplomats said.

The 24th Communist Party congress last April ordered the exchange of party documents. "The main questions related to the organizational and technical aspect of preparations for and conducting of the exchange of party documents have been solved," the resolution said. "The Central Committee has found it expedient to conduct the work of exchanging

party documents gradually, without haste."

Discussing the projected exchange, the Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" said in an editorial last June: "This is not a party purge. Party purges carried out in the past were aimed at resolutely wiping the party of alien class elements."

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Long lines formed outside the well in advance of performances and police reported massive jams on streets near the cinema. Many spectators said they would see the film immediately if it would be seized again.

MISSION. — The first Chinese diplomatic mission to Israel will arrive in Jerusalem March 1, the Australian Foreign Affairs Department announced yesterday.

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BY DAVID
SEABERG

MY INFORMATION DESK

My great uncle Nathan was rich enough to be considered eccentric by the rest of the world, and mad enough not to be considered at all by the family.

While his sudden death did not greatly surprise me, the letter from his lawyer giving me the news did. It informed me that I had inherited an information desk in a large government building. The letter urged me to go to the lawyer's chambers as soon as possible to sign the necessary papers. It is in family tradition to ignore communications from Uncle Nathan and I saw no reason to change it just because he was trying from the other bank of the Styx.

Three days later I received an official letter from the Government department concerned requesting me to pay the various taxes entailed in taking up this hereditary position, to the sum of IL2,200.62. Failure to take up the post and fulfill this public service made me liable to IL50,000 fine and a possible jail sentence not exceeding five and a half years.

After reading this letter for the fourth time I came to the following conclusions: (a) This type of coercion even from a dead uncle must be against the law (b) The lawyer's fees will cost me more than IL2,200.62 (c) What if I lose? (d) I can't possibly! (e) Oh, no?

After a long conversation with my bank manager in which the matter of usury figured prominently, I turned around to the imposing Turkish building which housed, dare I say it... my information desk. As I approached the door the guard rose mechanically to his feet. His cap was pulled low to keep the sun off his sunglasses and his hand twitched near his gun-shooter. If you can imagine a four-foot, Douglas MacArthur at the O.K. Corral, you've got the idea. The following conversation ensued:

"Whataya want today?"

"I want to come in."

"You're an Anglo-Saxon," (accusingly) I repeated this, as I've always been quite happy with my round Celto-Semitic features. I told him about my birthplace across the sea. I spoke eloquently of the Golden Vale and the soft green Wicklow Hills, of leaping salmon and Tara of the Kings. Of the legendary Fianna and the Giant's Causeway. Of brave men and beautiful women. I spoke of cheerful wars and sad songs, of the Gaelic as soft as the mist on Slieve Donard. Of the Celtic resistance to the English in glen and town, bog and hillside.

It was beautiful, I was moved to tears, I threw my arms wide and cried.

"Now do you understand?"

"Yes, Yes," he cried. "You're Anglo-Saxon." I walked in without further comment, and found myself in a large corridor punctuated with doors, each of which had either a broken number or an illegible name, or both. I knocked timidly on the first door and entered.

"I'm looking for..." I began.

"Ah," said the girl behind the desk.

"then you need the third office on the left, ask for Mr. Rothstein."

"But you haven't heard what I want."

"It doesn't matter," she replied, "I don't deal with it here."

There was nothing more to do but call on Mr. Rothstein. Coming from behind his desk, he shook my hand effusively, offered me a chair and called for two cups of coffee.

"Now what exactly is the matter?" he asked when I had finished my coffee.

I explained, trying to keep the tremor out of my voice, that I had come about my information desk.

"At last!" he said.

"The money," I muttered feebly.

"Don't bother about that; just pay at any Post Office Bank, making payment out to us, of course, ha ha! Now let me explain your

duties. You have to man the information desk and answer questions?"

"What type of questions?"

"Oh, questions. You know, ordinary questions. For instance... er, like er... or even... well, you're a bright young fellow, you'll understand."

"Well, what about answers, how am I supposed to get the necessary information?"

"Answers?" he gazed at me blankly. "Information?" A spasm of pain crossed his face.

He ran round his desk and grasped me by the lapel of my jacket.

"You're not supposed to give anyone information, you're here to work," he said, his voice rising with every word. "Work, work!" he repeated.

"Let me give you an example. Supposing someone wants to find out where Dr. Oscar Plintzer's room is, you check your files and cards under P for Plintzer and show him that no one of that name is listed. If he is a decent human being he will go away. If he is one of those persistent pests, he will ask you to check under O for Oscar. Then you will be able to show him that no one

of that name is listed under O and send him away."

"Now, supposing he comes back the following day, you go through the whole process again. You can show your contempt for him if you like," he said magnanimously. "If you want to get rid of him finally, you show him that Dr. Oscar Plintzer is listed under D for doctor but that doesn't help because he was transferred to another Ministry two years ago," he concluded triumphantly.

"Hem," he said, looking at me slyly. "I suppose you'd like to see your desk. Follow me!" He strode briskly out of his office, but then paused. "I forgot my file," he whispered as he took my arm. "We always carry files when we walk in the corridors, that's how we recognize one another. Never mind," he said more to himself than to me, "Everyone knows me. Forward!"

We went down corridors, and around turnings, entered offices to check our bearings, and by going in the opposite direction to which we were instructed, arrived at our destination.

It was magnificent. A beautiful, completely circular counter of polished Canadian Redwood with a glass shield which went all the way around. It was fitted out with a luxurious, large, leather upholstered swivel chair, which had no fewer than 14 positions, a gleaming control panel with whistling lights and fluorescent dials, and a personal tea and coffee urn.

"Try it out," he said.

"No, no," I protested, as I slid into the seat and slid my hands over the control panels. He was leaning against my coffee urn.

"Kindly leave the desk area; it is out of bounds to unauthorized personnel," I said crisply.

"Ho, ho," he said "I can see you're getting into the swing of things already."

I nodded distantly and he strode away. I was beginning my second cup of coffee and perusing the instruction manual when my attention was caught by a white, strained countenance pressed against the glass.

"Don't do that," I said sharply, "you'll smudge the glass. Don't you know..."

"It's me," the face said, "It's me, Rothstein, I'm lost!"

"So?" I said coldly.

"I need information," he pleaded.

"Certainly, sir, that's my job," I replied. "How do I get to my office?"

"That depends on where your office is."

"But I work here!"

I smiled my superior smile.

"But I'm Rothstein!"

I smiled again.

"Oh, very well. How do I get to Mr. Rothstein's office?"

"Just one moment please... I'm sorry there's no Mr. Rothstein listed here."

"But, but... he must be listed he couldn't be missing!"

"This is an information booth; for missing persons please contact the police, good day, I said turning back to my coffee."

"Honestly, some people..."



Experts fear S.S.T. damage to Earth's radiation shield

By NIGEL HAWKES

"UTMOST concern" over the possible effects of supersonic transport aircraft has been expressed by a high-level panel of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences (N.A.S.). If aircraft like Concorde significantly decrease the amounts of ozone in the atmosphere, the panel warns there would be a high probability of harm to human beings.

A decrease of as little as 5 per cent in the concentration of ozone in the atmosphere would produce an additional 8,000 cases of skin cancer every year in the U.S. alone, the panel estimates. Other effects would include damage to plants, diminished productivity in the oceans and altered mating patterns in animals.

Although the amounts of ozone occurring naturally in the atmosphere are very low, the gas plays a crucial role in intercepting damaging radiation from the sun before it can reach the earth. Without this thin protective shield of ozone, life on earth might never have emerged in its present form.

The amount of ozone present is a delicate balance. Supersonic transports, by releasing water vapour and oxides of nitrogen from their engines high in the atmosphere, might shift the balance and lower the concentration of ozone. If this happened, the amounts of radiation getting through would increase, causing damage to human, animal and plant life.

Concern about ozone is not new, but the N.A.S. panel, convened in November 1971 under the chairmanship of Prof. Kendrick C. Smith of the Stanford University School of Medicine, clearly takes them seriously. It does not address itself to the vexed question of whether S.S.T. operation will decrease ozone concentrations, but merely examines the consequences of such a reduction, were it to take place.

The panel's estimates about skin cancer are based on comparison between the U.S. and countries nearer the equator, which receive more sun- light and suffer more cancer.

An equally alarming possibility is that the increased ultra-violet radiation might overwhelm the natural repair mechanisms in cells and lead to a much greater mutation rate.

The panel's conclusions depend, of course, on there being a significant number of S.S.T.s flying. The Concorde alone would not have these effects, particularly as it seems unlikely to sell in large numbers. But if the U.S. were to follow Britain and France in building an S.S.T., the danger would increase. Congressional opponents of the S.S.T. programme will no doubt use the N.A.S. report as ammunition if President Nixon attempts to obtain funds to develop S.S.T.s on a significant scale.

A more imponderable question is whether S.S.T.s will in fact have any

effect on ozone concentrations. Here there is a sharp difference of opinion, some scientists asserting that the change of ozone concentration will be trivial, others that it will be large enough to be dangerous.

The most authoritative statement of the problem came from the "Study on Man's Impact on Climate," sponsored by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It said that no firm conclusions could yet be drawn about the effects of S.S.T.s on ozone concentrations, but that "answers should be produced before large-scale aircraft operation in the stratosphere becomes commonplace." The conclusions of the N.A.S. panel make that requirement doubly important.

Welfare grants to 31,000 in high schools

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Over 31,000 needy high school pupils have received almost IL7m. in Welfare Ministry grants this school year to cover expenses for books, school uniforms, bus fare and field trips.

The average grant was IL220, the Ministry spokesman said. Eligible pupils were those whose families are on welfare or have a monthly income less than IL90 per person.

The grant programme was introduced three years ago to reduce the number of high school drop-outs. Grant recipient figures reflect the declining number of pupils from low-income families who complete their high school studies. Recipients numbered 12,500 in grade 9 (13 per cent of all students in the grade), 9,000 in grade 10 (28 per cent), 6,000 in grade 11 (19 per cent), and only 4,000 in the matriculation class, grade 12 (13 per cent).

At the beginning of the school year the number of pupils covered under the programme was reported to be 24,000. More recent information supplied since then through principals and social workers has upped the figure to 31,000.

The grants are usually not handed to pupils' parents. The school secretariat distributes the money to the pupils themselves as they require it in the course of the school year.

'Don't let TV ruin Israel,' says entertainer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "Don't extend your TV broadcasting time. TV has ruined America and it will ruin you too. If you don't keep it within its present two-hour-a-day limit," George Jessel, the famous entertainer, told The Jerusalem Post at the Dan Canal Hotel.

He said that in the U.S. people have stopped going out and reading newspapers. "New York has only three papers left compared to 10 in the 1940s and people have stopped doing almost everything but look at their TV screens." It would be a great pity if Tel Aviv were to lose its Rehov Dizengoff society, he said.

The 71-year-old entertainer said he was disappointed by the lack of night life in Haifa. "I don't see it here, but I'd like to tell you that it's bad for me, eager to go out, spend money and drink wine, but everything seems closed. We have nothing to do but go to bed."

Mr. Jessel is in the country for a fortnight visit with a group of 120 Canadian tourists "to show them this remarkable land, all that you have achieved in 25 years, and the great courage of its people."

He noted with pride that he had already shed \$75m. worth of taxes for Israel.

Prostitutes form trade union

STOCKHOLM (UPI). — Sweden

got a new trade union on Friday for prostitutes — newspapers said yesterday.

The 107-member society held its first meeting in a private residence in fashionable suburban Djursholm, just north of Stockholm, the papers said. The group decided to start its own paper in which prostitutes can advertise their services.

The girls earlier advertised openly in the ordinary press, but this has recently been forbidden.

The girls invested 22,500 kronor (\$5,000) in shares for a foundation fund for the paper.

No names were given but a state member to the press said "number 76" was elected chairman and "number 42" vice-chairman, with "number 16" secretary.



THE FALLEN ANGELS

By CHARLES FOLEY

SAN FRANCISCO. (UPI). — CALIFORNIA'S notorious motorcycle gang, who call themselves Hell's Angels, are in trouble. A rash of court cases has linked them with drug-running on a vast scale, to murder and other violence, and to violate action against the state's political radical groups.

It is the last development — against radical groups — that has caused even the young people of the so-called counter-culture, who once admired the Angels as the ultimate rebels against society, to regard them instead as a gang of paramilitary right-wing hoodlums, one of the nastier outcrops of the Great American Dream.

For more than 20 years the Angels have torn up the towns and roads of California, a horde of bikers, helmeted barbarians, given to leading up unfriendly burnouts and gang-busting brawls. Over a period of 10 years police reported that 400 members of the gang killed in 1,700 arrests and earned nearly 1,200 convictions for crime, ranging from robbery to assault.

The gang affected a range of dress indicia — swastika ear-plugs, lightning badges, German helmets and iron crosses. Piratical beards and long, unkempt hair were de rigueur. In fights with rival gangs men have been shot, stabbed and beaten to death.

Then, about three years ago, the Angels made a determined bid to change this lurid image, which they had assiduously built up, even making a film in the 60s called "Hell's Angels on Wheels." It

starred Ralph "Sonny" Barger, their leader, and 200 members of the actual gang. Suddenly the Angels became superpatriots. They attacked peace marchers in Berkeley and offered themselves as behind-the-lines guerrillas in Vietnam. President Lyndon Johnson declined their suggestion for "a crack force to demoralize the Vietcong and advance the cause of freedom."

As a public relations effort to give the Angels a sort of vigilante-establishment aura it worked well. But at a Rolling Stones concert in Altamont, California, the Angels lost their last counter-cultural friends when they waded into a crowd, using billiard cues as clubs, and left a young black man dead.

Dope-peddling

Meanwhile, police say, the gang's dope operations were multiplying as they handled deals for hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of LSD, heroin and (their specialty) cocaine. A courier for the group was arrested with a briefcase stuffed with drugs valued at \$300,000 — enough to supply 10,000 addicts, said police.

It was during the trial in December last that the obscure story of the gang's friendly relationship with elements of the California police was revealed. "Sonny" Barger, now 33, and three friends were acquitted of murdering a narcotics dealer whose bullet-punctured body was found in the bathtub of a burning house last May. State lawyers alleged that he had been killed for \$100,000 worth of pure cocaine, later recovered, part of more than \$31m. worth of drugs the gang had shipped across country in the past three years.

A former police sergeant revealed that the gang had cooperated with California police in preventing guns and explosives from reaching the

hands of revolutionary groups. But once the Angels had sold weapons to a Black Panther group, before informing the police of their whereabouts.

Sergeant Ted Hilliard confirmed that he had promised to intercede for the Angels, if they were arrested, to try to get them reduced sentences. Throughout 1970-71, he said, "Sonny" Barger had turned over to him grenades, dynamite, plastic explosives, shotguns and machineguns. Once, said Hilliard, now an investigator for the district attorney, Barger offered to deliver the corpse of a political radical for every Hell's Angel freed from prison. The police officer said he told him that was "out of the question."

Last October, following the Attorney-General's charges that the Angels had handled at least \$31m. worth of dope, police followed a lead that took them to a lonely farm "50 miles north of San Francisco, in a well-wooded area where three bodies, and spent a week searching for a further 12 corpses which, they insisted, were somewhere on this "Hell's Angels burial ground."

"Organized crime"

"The Hell's Angels," says a Justice Department report, "are no longer merely a gang of loosely-organized bikers, but are rapidly becoming large-scale organized crime operators. Motor-cycle gang members are active in the purchase of land. They make investments in legitimate businesses and use sophisticated electronic devices to intercept police communications. They have been frequently associated with major organized crime figures in the state and are involved not only in dope, but gun-running." Mr. Charles Casey, a top investigator for the Justice Department, says: "You couldn't call them political activists — but they did see a profit in that field."

Five gang members are now in jail on homicide, drug and weapons charges. "Sonny" Barger himself, looking more powerful than ever after his recent acquittal, says: "I'm gonna live in the world I want to live in. You people who run things ain't got nothing to be proud of. You've made one hell of a mess. So don't tell me what to do."

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Taiwan: hostility, but little tension

George Leonof reports
his recent visit
Nationalist China



Canon cameras produced, at half Japanese cost, in Taiwan's Taichung Export Processing Zone. (Leonof)

THE Vietnam cease-fire is finally signed and in Korea, delegations from North and South have sought themselves to discuss and the same table the possibility of a settlement. On the Indian subcontinent, only Pakistan's refusal to recognize Bangladesh, India's refusal to recognize Pakistan's war prisoners, and the establishment of formal relations among the three states in East Asia today, a residue of implacable hostility remains on the two shores of the Taiwan Straits.

By last December, when I visited Taiwan, the anxiety aroused by Nixon's decision to visit Peking appeared to have been displaced completely. Confidence in the future had not only returned, it was bolstered by the knowledge that American reconciliation with the Communist Chinese government did not imply American abandonment of the Republic of China, nor acceptance by U.S. of Mao Tse-tung's terms of reunification. The U.S. 7th fleet continued to patrol the straits and American air bases on Taiwan remained as before. Like Peking, Taipei, the capital of Taiwan, still claims to represent all China. With this action of the Mao regime, and the recent events — the Nixon trip to Peking, Japan's recognition of the Mao regime, and the communist takeover of the China seat in the U.N. — the structure of Chiang Kai-shek's "nationalist" government remains what it has been since it fled the mainland. In its present position, it continues to be the "de facto" government of China proper. In fact, the island's day-to-day affairs are managed by the Taiwan provincial government. The latter does not deal with defense matters, foreign relations, or internal security. The island's political regime is a "one-man" system, with Chiang Kai-shek as the "father" and those of his "temporarily" effective.

Part of China

No one in Taiwan will venture to guess how long this state of affairs will continue, but anyone who talks to will tell you that it is thinkable that Taiwan can be a part of China. But the younger people say that no condition will be met, and no possibility of being adopted in the lifetime of Mao's Chiang and those of their contemporaries willing effective.

The younger generation is vigorously vague about the sort of conditions which would permit dialogue to open across the straits once the two octogenarians are no more, and some conclude that a settlement may be no easier even then. Others cautiously point to signs that the Mao Communist rule on the mainland is beginning to relax with the king regime emerging from self-imposed isolation. With us they say, contacts with the rest of the world may cause both economic conditions and the political system there to change sufficiently to offer some basis for negotiation — perhaps one which could provide for a high degree of autonomy for Taiwan.

The older officials reject such a possibility out of hand. They insist that there will never be any contact with a Communist regime.

Lord Caradon 'encouraged' by visit here

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Lord Caradon told Jordanian Ambassador on Saturday that he could understand the feeling of the Israelis that this time they must get it right. He said he was going home encouraged from his visit to Israel and Jordan. "There is time for new thinking, because the chances of 73 may never come back," he noted. Speaking in an interview that was recorded prior to his departure yesterday from Amman, the former British Ambassador to the U.N. said he tried to impress both sides with the need to work for a new understanding, to get out of the dead-end and to get a new basis for a settlement. He thought the Israelis were making a grave error by thinking that it should just hang on — that the Arabs were making an error by expecting something to happen by itself to solve their problems. He noted an Arab notable in the Gaza Strip, who had told him there was perhaps a one-in-100 chance that he would return to his village, near Gaza, and then corrected himself by saying there was only half a chance in a hundred.

Lord Caradon was particularly impressed by the atmosphere he found in the West Bank, where people no longer think in terms of barriers, but want to work together. He had high praise for King Hussein's courage and statesmanship which, he said, provided a new country that did not have a dark day.

on the mainland because it was precisely to avoid living under Communism that we came to Taiwan in the first place. They point out that China was not "artificially" divided after occupation by armies representing two foreign and incompatible ideologies, as in Korea. Nor was the division the result of a victory by an armed nationalist movement over colonial masters in part of a territory. This latter refers to the Japanese victory over the French in Dien-Bien Phu, which left the northern part of the country in the hands of Ho Chi Minh's forces while the south continued to be ruled by Emperor Bao Dai's French-supported regime. With the 1954 Geneva conference calling for general elections to decide on the legitimate government of the whole of Vietnam.

The Taiwan Government, with a modern army of some 600,000 men, is not a puppet government, as it is no longer disguised that it will conquer the mainland by force, but says it will return as a result of the decision of the Chinese people. Taipei is not in a hurry. In the absence of a military imperative for compromise with the Communists, and given the Chinese propensity for patience on the long haul, there is no apparent factor compelling it towards a settlement on less than its own conditions — however illusory and impractical these may appear.

Taiwan is today enjoying an economic boom that makes it Asia's fastest-developing nation since war. It ended 1972 with an 11 per cent economic growth, its annual industrial expansion rate, outpacing other economies with a leap of 26.2 per cent. Its gross national product of \$7,182m, with agriculture contributing 15.7 per cent and the service industries the rest.

Exports rose an amazing 46 per cent over 1971, totalling \$3,118m, and providing the country with a trade surplus of \$270m. Fully 80 per cent of the exports comprised industrial products, with textiles still the main item but the runner-up, electronics components, narrowing the gap. These sectors, whose economic survival a decade ago was not seriously considered a possibility without American aid, today has a per capita income of \$372, again second in Asia only to Japan.

The vast influx of American economic assistance was a decisive factor in Taiwan's economic rebirth, as it was in postwar Europe's recovery. But it would not have been as fast and as varied without the reservoir of an intelligent, responsive — and cheap — labour force. This year's growth rate of 24.9 per cent, with a structural change from light to heavy industries, fully 50 per cent of this growth will be in heavy industry, including the construction of an integrated steel mill, a second ship-building yard capable of building 150,000-ton tankers, and petrochemical and machine-building plants.

Overseas investor

Chinese living overseas are heavy investors in Taiwan's industrial growth, but there is no lack of ready U.S. and European capital. American interests are attracted to the new ship-building plant at Keelung, on the island's northern tip. American companies at the Kaohsiung steel mill, and German and Spanish know-how will set up a

large synthetic fibre plant to help rid Taiwan's textile industry of reliance on foreign raw materials.

Japan, which with the U.S. has been the island's major trading partner, has shown no intention of abandoning its large commercial stake in Taiwan. Tokyo's establishment of diplomatic relations with Peking necessitated the closure of its diplomatic mission in Taiwan; but this has not affected trade or consular relations. Most of the diplomatic staff, including the former ambassador, Osamu Kogaki, have remained to serve on Taiwan. Japan's cultural and commercial associations, set up on a non-governmental basis in both countries, and they carry on most of the work of the former diplomatic personnel.

Of the 580,000 foreign tourists who visited Taiwan last year, Japanese were again far and away the largest group — 277,700, an increase of 8.6 per cent over the previous year (Americans followed with 121,505, an even larger increase of 9.3 per cent).

SINCE 1966, Taiwan has set up three Export Processing Zones, which offer foreign investors in industrial products duty-free facilities, tax incentives and developed factory sites. An added incentive is the availability of the same kind of highly adaptable labour force that boosted Hong Kong's industry to a significant place on the world market.

A further advantage which foreign investors were not slow to appreciate is that this stable labour force (those who are still in Taiwan) may be hired at a wage of just under \$1 a day — half the going rate in Hong Kong and a quarter of the comparable wage in Japan.

Export zones

The first of the export zones, at Taiwan's second largest city of Keelung, a port on the south-eastern coast, was opened in 1966. In 1972, it had 156 foreign factories in production, employing altogether 44,000 workers and exporting goods to a total value of \$209m. The factories, including some affiliated with big-name manufacturers in Europe, the U.S. and Japan, produced a wide range of items ranging from electronics to textiles — with overseas Chinese almost monopolizing the latter branch.

The second zone was opened in mid-1970 at Nantze, some 11 km. north of Keelung, and the third, last year at Taichung, in central Taiwan. They are eventually to have 200 and 50 factories respectively.

At Taichung, the director of the Japanese-owned Canon camera plant told me he was producing the cameras at half the price it costs to make them in Japan. He insisted that there was not the slightest difference in quality, the finished product undergoing the same stringent control as the one made in Japan. The cameras are all shipped to Japan for worldwide distribution. Nothing produced in the processing zones may be sold in Taiwan itself, except as a re-export.

The population by and large has shared in the new prosperity. A land reform has provided Taiwan's farmers with a reasonable income, and 73 per cent of the farmers own the soil they till. Total figures of the rural population are not meaningful, I was told, because so many go off to work in urban centres or on seasonal projects. In any case, the

farm population (51) not exceed six million out of a total population of 15 million.

In the cities, there is almost full employment. Nevertheless, approximately one-fifth of the population owns some form of mechanical transport. Nine per 1,000 own cars, 48 own motorcycles and 130 bicycles.

Today, Taiwan, an island of rare scenic beauty, is just awakening to possibilities of large-scale tourism. It may not mean much to the average Orient-bound tourist who gets a package quotation for his excursion, but Taiwan is one of the best value-for-money vacation spots in the world. It offers top-flight accommodation and facilities, unexcelled service even by Asian standards, and a variety and standard of food few countries anywhere can match — at prices that undercut Hong Kong. But that is another tale.

Programme too conservative to capture young audience

The New Israel String Quartet, with Zvi Litvak, viola (The Jerusalem Khan — February 17). Haydn: String Quartet in G, opus 54, No. 1; Mendelssohn: String Quartet in E-flat, opus 13; Mozart: String Quintet in D, K.353.



APPARENTLY the move of Jerusalem Chamber Music Society concerts from the Hebrew University Wise Auditorium to the Khan helped to get an appreciable number of young people to join the society's regular Central European, older-generation audience. But the programme was still tradition-bound. Could not the New Israel String Quartet give us works written more recently than 1829? It might be more interesting to the younger people and certainly will not hurt the older generation to listen to quartets written by Debussy, Ravel, Prokofiev, Britten, Holmboe, Nielsen or even Bartok, and their colleagues.

Happily the performing attitude and quality of the New Israel String Quartet was of the best standard, and one could enjoy the presentations unreservedly. The Haydn Quartet is full of fresh ideas and surprising turns to keep the listener interested all the time, and the four artists gave the bright and cheerful interpretation the writing calls for. The following Mendelssohn seemed rather an unnecessary choice, only reminding us of all the nice things he has written elsewhere, only better and in more concentrated form. Though the performance was fluent and pleasant, it could not make us forget the passages of nothingness and empty pleasures of the elegant, young Mendelssohn.

With the Mozart String Quintet, weight and depth was regained, and full compensation gained for patient listening to the Mendelssohnian flood.

Unfortunately, at the Khan, the

noise from the adjacent discotheque filters through and makes concentration on soft spots difficult just when the music is most intimate and moving. YOHANAN BOHEM.

Scots win Bridge Festival team event

Jerusalem Post Bridge Correspondent
Two foreign teams closed with a rush to take first and third-place honours in the team-of-four event at the Israel Bridge Festival at the Pan American Hotel, Bat Yam, on Saturday night. The winners were an all-Scottish team headed by Louis Shenkin.

Second place went to the team of Dr. Nissan Rand of Tel Aviv, which finished 11 victory points behind the winners, and two ahead of Mrs. Rini Markus's aggregation of international experts.

The final results, with a maximum possible score of 180: 1. Shenkin (L. Shenkin, B. Shenkin, L. Levinson, J. Spillman, all from Scotland), 138; 2. Dr. Rand (Rand, Katz, Azriel, Meshulam, Duchovay, Kapusta, all from Tel Aviv), 127; 3. Markus (Mrs. Rini Markus, England; Walter Avarelli, S. Prindo, Italy; Leon Yalouze, L. Tintner, France), 125; 4. Han (Savon, 123; 5. Moven (Tel Aviv), 122; 6. Ben Yehuda (Tel Aviv), 115; 7. Weiss (Tel Aviv) 115; 8. Ronik (Tel Aviv) 115.

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SADAT'S KISSINGER

DR. Hafez Ismail, "Kissinger" to Egypt's President Sadat, is hurrying to Washington, only days ahead of Premier Meir. Previously, Egypt had disregarded even the broadest hints that a top-level representative from Cairo would be welcome too, and not only those from Jerusalem and Amman. What took him there?

There have been some significant changes over the past six months. As long as the Vietnam war was in progress, U.S. enthusiasm to see the Suez Canal reopened was muted by the knowledge that it could then again be used to channel Soviet war material to the Vietcong. Now the Russians also want to see the fighting in Vietnam die down, and the Canal does not spell any particular danger to anyone. Also, the Russians left Egypt last year on a relatively flimsy excuse, the real reason evidently being that they had no desire to be drawn into a war against Israel and feared that the Egyptians might start fighting even against Soviet aid. In fact, the Russians are now a disappointment to the Egyptians, rather as the Egyptians proved a disappointment to the Russians by being unable to gain a glorious victory with Russian equipment that would have earned credit for Russia throughout the Arab countries.

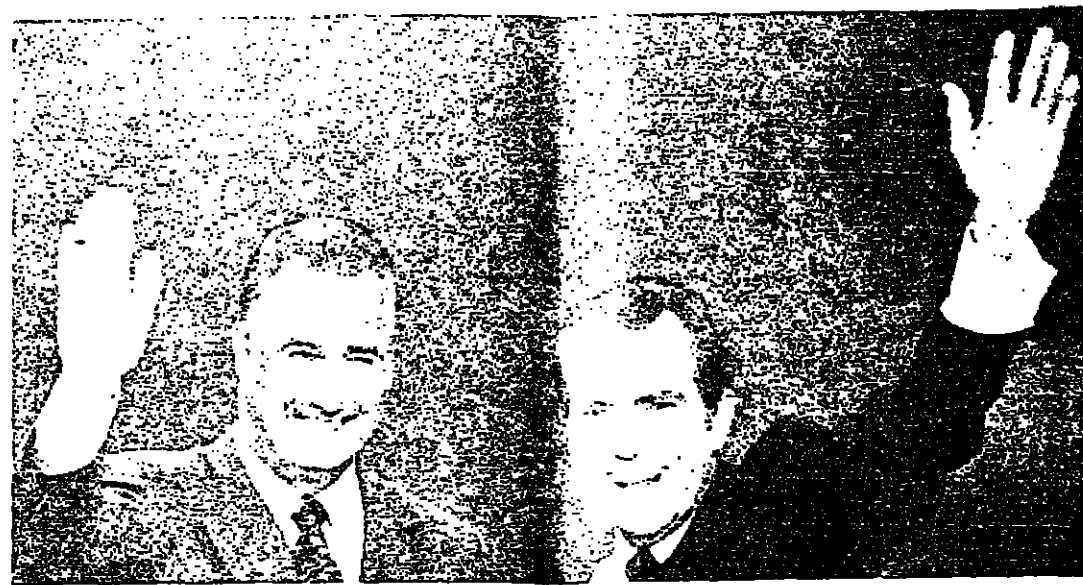
The feeling that the U.S. has put out include, at a guess, a renewed proposal for a limited Israeli withdrawal from the Canal — which would be of immense value to Egypt, just so long as President Sadat could present it as a victory gained over a defiant Israel, and not a tentative Israeli suggestion. The pigeons have been coming home to roost in Cairo. In search of popular support Sadat promised his

people constantly that he would regain all of Sinai either by diplomatic means or by war. Now he has so serious a crisis of confidence on his hands that he must take some action that can be represented as progress towards his goal. Just how precarious his position is was demonstrated last week when a flight of Mig-21s attacked an Israeli aerial patrol, and one Mig was shot down. In the past, Sadat has accepted these defeats in the air; this time elaborate accounts were fabricated of wreckage of an Israeli plane allegedly found by Egyptian army men, although it had already been announced here that all Israeli planes had returned safely to base. Sadat cannot afford to lose any more engagements.

In theory there could be an accommodation on the Canal that would have immense practical advantages for Egypt, and the single advantage for Israel that a renewal of war would be made less likely by a reopened Canal being used by international shipping, though the actual defensive lines would be more vulnerable once they moved back from the Canal. In practice, any formula devised in the U.S. that will appear to give Sadat sufficient credit in Egypt to prevent unrest must also look sufficiently safe and convincing for Israel to agree to abandon its militarily satisfactory lines on the Canal. Mrs. Meir is known to be reluctant to take this step, with its implicit danger of renewed fighting under more difficult conditions.

Great sacrifices were made in South Vietnam in the hope of ending the fighting. There is little point in anyone assuming that here we shall make sacrifices that might in the end start the fighting again.

Republicans begin to jockey for position on 1976 ticket



Nixon with Agnew (left) and with Connally: Who will have the last laugh?

By BRACK CUREY

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Richard Nixon has barely started his second term in the White House but a number of political leaders already are jockeying for position to succeed him in 1977.

Vice-President Spiro Agnew is looked upon as a certain contender for the Republican presidential nomination four years from now. A number of conservative Republicans are planning to support him.

Supporters of former Secretary of the Treasury John Connally, currently a member of the opposition Democratic Party, are actively promoting the idea that he will switch to the Republican Party and bid for its presidential nomination, with Mr. Nixon's support.

U.S. Senator Charles Percy of Illinois, former Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird of Wisconsin, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York, and Gov. Ronald Reagan of California likewise are looked upon as active contenders for the presidential nomination in 1976.

Mr. Nixon himself has fed the bubbling cauldron of speculation over who might succeed him. Newspapers across the nation blossomed with reports that Mr. Nixon had told a recent White House visitor that he believes Connally, rather than Agnew, will be the Republican Party's next presidential candidate. Another published version was that Mr. Nixon said Mr. Connally would make an excellent Republican presidential candidate and that he indicated his preference for Mr. Connally over Mr. Agnew.

Mr. Nixon played coy with these published reports. At a White House news conference, he side-stepped a direct reply to a question on what precisely he had said about Mr. Connally. But he did nothing to dampen the speculation that Mr. Connally is the man he considers the best qualified to succeed him in 1977.

Mr. Nixon did say: "I would be out of my mind if I were to be endorsing anybody for the presidency at the present time."

Misinterpretation?

To many Washington political observers, the theory that makes the most sense in all this is that Mr. Nixon had some laudatory words for Mr. Connally which were misinterpreted by the visiting official as an endorsement.

Mr. Connally promptly announced that he is thinking about joining the Republican Party. He added that he has no present plans to run for any public office, and that he does not believe the President privately endorsed him to be the Republican presidential nominee in 1976, as many American newspapers had reported recently.

The Republicans are getting an early start in the battle for presidential succession in 1976. The first skirmish is being fought between supporters of Vice-President Agnew and former Treasury Secretary Connally.

Mr. Connally, however, immediately found himself under attack by potential rivals for the Republican nomination in the wake of these published reports.

Agnew's former press spokesman commented that the Republican party was not likely to turn to a "Roosevelt-Kennedy-Johnson-Democratic" such as Mr. Connally when so many 100 per cent Republicans would be available for the presidential nomination in 1976. And Agnew supporters clearly were infuriated at the idea of a Democrat like Connally moving in ahead of long-time Republican Agnew as Nixon's heir apparent.

The Agnew group believes that Mr. Connally will be named Secretary of State in Nixon's Cabinet some time in the future. This presumably would place Mr. Connally in a strong position to bid for the 1976 presidential nomination.

Cabinet Post

There have been recurrent reports that Mr. Connally will be brought back into the Nixon Cabinet at some time during the second Nixon term that runs to January 20, 1977. He served for 13 months as Secretary of the Treasury before he voluntarily resigned last May to return to his home state of Texas. The White House has not confirmed or denied these reports, while associates of Connally have encouraged them.

Mr. Connally headed the "Democrats for President: Nixon" organization in the 1972 presidential campaign but he supported state and local Democratic candidates in Texas. Since he left the Cabinet, Mr. Connally has practised law in Texas. He frequently visits the White House and continues to serve as one of Mr. Nixon's principal advisers on national and international policy matters.

Mr. Agnew's role in the second Nixon Administration has not been announced. The Vice-President apparently hopes to deal more in foreign affairs during the next four years. Some of his supporters, however, consider that his



role in the Government is being downgraded by the White House.

A movement to block Agnew from the "1976 succession" has just emerged among a group of liberal and moderate Republican members of the U.S. Senate. Senator Edward Brooke of Massachusetts disclosed that this group has been quietly discussing how to prevent the Republican nomination from falling automatically to Agnew.

While they have not yet developed a full strategy, Sen. Brooke said this group takes the position that they "should not let Agnew get so far out in front" that his nomination could not be stopped.

At the same time, Sen. Brooke said he does not believe the Republican National Convention that will nominate the party's next presidential candidate would select a Democrat like Connally, even if he switches to the Republican Party.

However, George Bush, the new national chairman of the Republican Party, said, "The Republican Party needs people like John Connally," and he added: "I would like to see him change his (party) registration."

The new Republican chairman of New York State said Gov. Rockefeller would be a "tremendously viable" candidate for President in the 1976 national election. He dismissed suggestions that the 64-year-old Rockefeller's age would be a liability in the next election.

Supporters of Gov. Reagan, who is also 64, are said to plan to propel him into the 1976 presidential sweepstakes.

Melvin Laird, Secretary of Defense during Nixon's first term, is said to be planning to run for office in 1974 in his home state of Wisconsin to provide a political base for a possible bid for the presidency two years later.

Sen. Percy's overwhelming re-election victory in his home state of Illinois in the 1972 election has started nationwide Percy-for-President talk. Many Republicans see him as a middle-of-the-road alternative to Agnew in 1976.

Percy, blond and boyish looking at 53, says "Spiro Agnew is not the heir apparent to the (Nixon) Republican administration." But Sen. Percy declines to speculate on his own plans in 1976.

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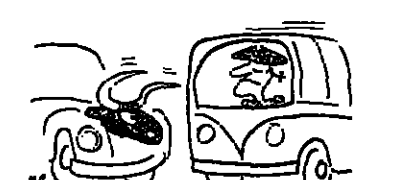
Rogers statement

Davar (Histadrut) writes that Secretary of State William Rogers "has reaffirmed that the U.S. persists in her basic positions regarding the Middle East, which positions are acceptable to the government of Israel. Mr. Rogers has again noted that the U.S. sees a possibility for a settlement only by means of negotiations between the parties, without prior conditions. He has also made it clear that Washington does

not propose to impose a settlement, and in mentioning a partial settlement he did not link the issue to the Egyptian version regarding an over-all settlement."

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael), distinguishing both a new and an old element in Mr. Rogers' statement, writes: "The innovation is his emphasis that the U.S. does not propose to impose a settlement. What recalls the old Rogers, however, is his reiterated emphasis that the Middle East is the only part of the world where the parties have not yet commenced dialogue. This latter emphasis suggests that Mr. Rogers has an emotional objection to a large and strong Israel. It is thus all the more encouraging that it emerges from Mr. Rogers' very statement that this trend finds least representation in Washington's policy towards Israel." He'arets (non-party), referring to the incident in Nazareth in which an Arab was killed and a Jewish woman with him in a car was injured, writes: "We are persuaded that the judicial authority will mete out the appropriate punishment to the culprits. But this is not enough. We must not make light of such a shameful revelation of hatred towards an Arab with whom a Jewish woman was wished to keep company. Arabs and Jews are citizens with equal rights in the private, no less than in the public sphere. The incident must be condemned legally, morally, and from the point of view of the national honour of the Jewish people."

WE have heard a good deal recently about aggressive or generally bad driving in Israel. For what it is worth, we are not alone. We found the following paragraph in "A DEATH IN THE SANCHEZ FAMILY," a sequel to "THE CHILDREN OF SANCHEZ," by the late Oscar Lewis, two books that consist of recorded genuine conversations with the members of the Sanchez family. Consuelo was



travelling to Mexico City on an overnight bus. She observes: "Finally everybody was asleep and the bus was silent. I was the only one watching the road. The driver's manoeuvres were like bullfighters' passes when he went by trailer trucks on curves and wove in and out of lanes with cars coming from both directions."

A LEARNED correspondent writes from the Weizmann Institute: The one response to Professor Lipman's proposal for internationalization of Jerusalem, after all, means nothing to thousands of millions of Hindus, Buddhists, Muslims, and others with no interest in the Walling Wall, the Mosque of Omar or the Holy Sepulchre. The people certainly view any special treatment of Jerusalem as another imposition of Western colonialism. Paris has been a vital centre for people from all over the world and enriched by people of all nations who came there to live and to contribute to its cultural heritage. The list of famous people who lived in Paris for many years is endless. It is hard to think of anyone who was not Jewish when he thought of moving to Jerusalem. The conclusion is inescapable. Paris belongs to the whole world. Jerusalem belongs to the Jews. The French are in Paris today only because they took it by armed aggression in 1945 with the overwhelming support of foreign imperialist military powers and their military-industrial complexes. They argue that the Germans who held Paris before 1945 had also obtained it by armed aggression, but this is equally true of the Jordanians, who held East Jerusalem before 1967. Any act of armed aggression is always justified as "liberating territory," previously acquired by aggression, and anyone who questions the Israeli presence in Jerusalem today should equally question the French presence in Paris. The U.N. should internationalize Paris and establish the U.N. headquarters there. The French capital could be left in Yehy, where it had been before 1945. The traditions of Yehy are appropriate for the France of today. The traditions of Paris belong to the whole world. P.S. Even the crusaders, who fought so hard for Jerusalem did not consider moving the Pope there. ***

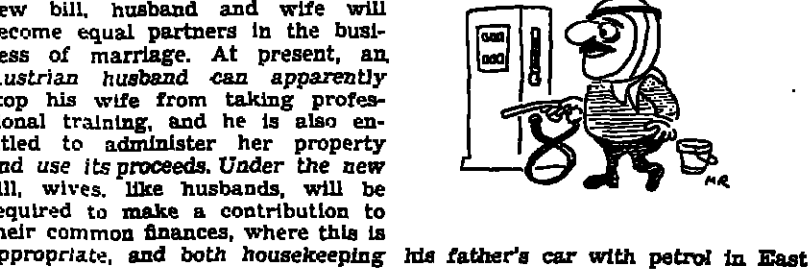
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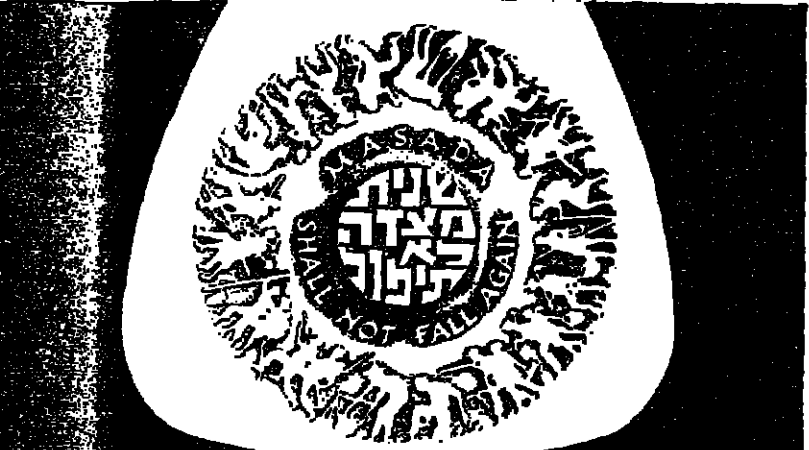
Ministry of Justice has prepared a draft bill on the status of the partners to a marriage that is to take the place of Marriage Law of 1811. This is still in force, unchanged. It makes the husband the "head of the family," and gives him exclusive rights to decide on various matters, including the education of the couple's children. According to the new bill, husband and wife will become equal partners in the business of marriage. At present, an Austrian husband can apparently stop his wife from taking professional training and he is also entitled to administer her property and use its proceeds. Under the new bill, wives, like husbands, will be required to make a contribution to their common finances, where this is appropriate, and both housekeeping

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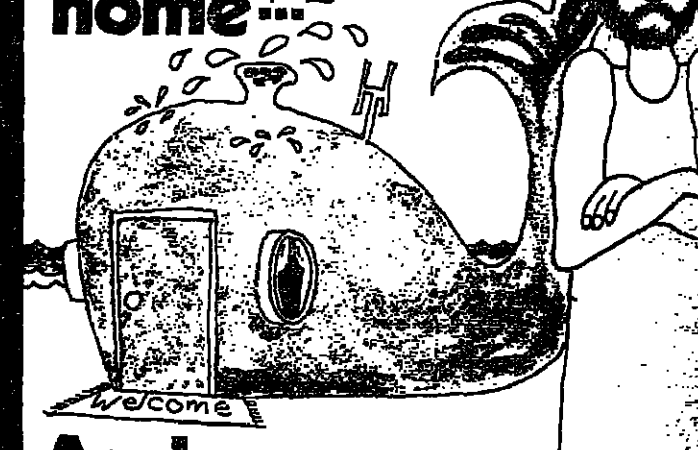
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Jerusalem one Saturday. He asked for a receipt, and saw that it included the extra 25 agorot regularly charged by petrol pumps that remain open on the Sabbath. The boy argued with the man at the pump that it was not his Sabbath, that he was working on what was a normal week-day for him and was not entitled to the extra fee. That might be, he answered, "but if we were to charge it on a Friday then everybody would go to the other side of town to get their petrol." Today's contributors include H.J.L., Rehovot, and A.A., Jerusalem.

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